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**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Figures 11 A and 11B have been amended to add members 95-97. Members 95-97 were unintentionally deleted in the response to the office action dated June 15, 2004. One replacement sheet is included with this response.

**REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated September 16, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 16, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In the drawings, Figures 11 A and 11B have been amended to add members 95-97. Members 95-97 were unintentionally deleted in the response to the office action dated June 15, 2004. One replacement sheet is included with this response.

Claims 22-30, 47-50, 53-55, and 59 remain pending in the application after entry of this response. Claims 46, 51-52, and 56-58 have been cancelled. Claims 22-30 and 47-50, and 53 have been amended and new claim 59 has been added. No new matter has been added by either the amendments or new claims. Claims 22-30, 46-52, and 56-58 are rejected and claims 53-55 are allowed. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

***Claim Objections***

Claim 52 is objected to because of an informality. Claim 52 has been canceled. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

Claims 56-57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 4,646,830 to *Templeton*. Claims 56-57 have been cancelled. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 56 and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 6,481,495 to *Evans*. Claims 56 and 58 have been cancelled. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

New claim 59 depends from allowed claim 53.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

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Claims 46, 51, and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Templeton* in view of *Evans*. Claims 46 and 51-52 have been canceled. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 22-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Templeton* in view of *Evans*, and further in view of U.S. patent 4,416,494 to *Watkins*. Claims 22-25 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 53. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 27 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Templeton* in view of *Evans*, and further in view of U.S. patent 4,899,834 to *Weldon*. Claims 27 and 30 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 53. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Templeton* in view of *Evans*, and further in view of U.S. patent 6,296,066 to *Terry*. Claim 28 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 53. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 26, 29, 47, 48, and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Templeton* in view of *Evans*, and further in view of U.S. patent 5,316,094 to *Pringle*. Claims 26, 29, 47, 48, and 50 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 53. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 49 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Templeton* in view of *Evans* and *Pringle*, and further in view of *Weldon*. Claim 49 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 53. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

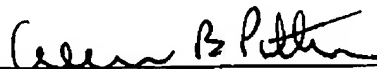
New claim 59 depends from allowed claim 53.

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The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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